Minutes - Research Council Meeting
February 16, 2024
Hybrid capable, Goessmann Laboratory 250
9:00-10:30 am

In Attendance: J. Allan, T. Brashear-Alejandro, M. Budig, C. Burnett, R. Clement, J. Dillard-Wright, S. Fefer, P. Katz, L. Keough, K. Lachman, J. Lundquist, J. Mager, G. Mitra, J. Moralee, M. Mueller, A. Nagurney, J. Normanly, M. Pachucki, A, Paik, J. Reyes, E. Ricciardi, A. Ribbe, L. Sanders, B. Shelburne, F. Sousa, K.P. Tandukar, J. Urla, L. Vandenberg, D. Venkataraman, B. Whitcomb, C. Wilda, L. Wolf, S. Zilberstein

Chancellor Javier Reyes

- Talked about Strategic Planning process, survey and teams
- Talked about building the UMass system and how do we make it stronger
- Talked about Community Engaged Research
- Talked about International Engagement

Welcome

- J. Normanly welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Quick review and approval of minutes from December 15th.
    - link
    - Motion made to approve. Passed without dissent.

Task Force & Committee updates

- Grad Student Funding (Bryan Coughlin, Lori Goldner, Gaurav Mitra, Jackie Urla)
    - Discussion around fee structure and revisit grad tuition on grants policy (Delta above 2016 back to colleges)
- RCC (Alex Ribbe)
    - Discussed having representation from the College of Engineering in RPC
- RAAB (Lisa Sanders)
    - No update
- A1 Task Force (Lisa Wolf is the RC rep; Loren Walker is research Subcommittee Leader)
    - Summary report drafted and committee discussed guidelines around AI on use and disclosure. More conversation suggested between students and advisors.
- Centers & Institutes TF (Sarah Fefer, Paul Katz, Laura Vandenberg)
    - Discussion on Policy and update to evaluation form
- Centers & Institutes reviews -
    - Gave status updates on the below centers.
        - Center for Justice, Law, and Societies in Political Science
        - Center for Racial Justice and Youth Engaged Research
        - Elaine Marieb Center
        - Energy Transition Institute (submission not in yet)
- Research Compliance Updates (L. Vandenberg)
    - Shared PowerPoint regarding National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM-33) with details on the memo and an update. https://umass.sharepoint.com/:p:/r/sites/ResearchCouncil/Shared%20Documents/General/2023-2024/%2723-%2724%20meetings%20-%20supporting%20docs/2024_02_16%20NSPM33%20updates.pptx?d=wd05fe54c38834dba8c7bd58a7ebaf1c8&csf=1&web=1&e=2xutfl